



Chapels in use as meeting rooms?

More decorative planting?

Bringing new life to Selby Town Cemetery ?

Selby Town Council want your ideas to help make the town's Cemetery a place where people of all ages can learn more about their family history, and that of others who have lived in Selby in the past.

As family history and remembrance has become a larger part of many peoples' lives, lots of towns around Yorkshire have made their cemeteries a more popular place to visit, and now Selby would like to join in that trend.

The Town Council are looking to work with the Heritage Lottery Fund to improve facilities at the Cemetery, and have arranged public meetings where you can share your ideas.



Continuing care for war graves



Explaining the meaning of grave art

What has been done elsewhere?

In Scarborough : A 'Friends of the Cemetery' group has formed. They help keep the place spic and span and run monthly talks and walks.

In York : Here, a family history group run weekly meetings to help in tracing family trees, and there are concerts in the renovated former chapels.

In Penistone : Children have designed a trail based on a famous mathematician who lived in the town and helped with new planting.

In Fylingdales (nr Whitby) : Volunteers have produced folders detailing the lives of people buried in the graveyard.

That's just four examples of the ways that community groups have become involved with their local cemetery. Other towns have seen...

** Work with schools on drama, art and history*

** Cleaning and re-dedication of war memorials*

** Planting of sensory gardens and herb walks*

The possibilities are almost endless - but experience shows projects can only work if the local community is interested and involved.

So, please come along to any or all of these 3 meetings:

Selby Town Hall : Weds. 12 Oct 10 am - 1 pm

Selby Cemetery : Weds. 19 Oct 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Selby Town Hall : Weds. 19 Oct : 6 pm - 8 pm.

The idea is that the Town Council can display more detail of the projects mentioned above, and get your ideas about what could be done in Selby.

If you want more information beforehand, contact the Town Council on 01757 708449 (Mon-Fri, 10a.m.- 4p.m) or via admin@selbytowncouncil.gov.uk